

**Remarks**

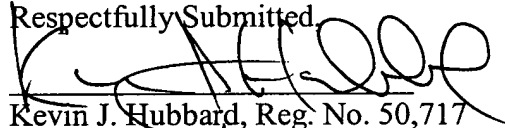
This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1 and 9 are hereby amended and claims 4, 5, 8, 10-14, and 25 are cancelled. Claims 15-24 were withdrawn subject to a restriction requirement and cancelled in a previous amendment. New claims 26-36 are also presented. Additionally, paragraph [0035] of the specification is hereby amended to correct an inconsistency.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims and the present application are now in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any remaining issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned as set out below.

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